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Mr. John Allen Chalk  
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Dear Brother Chalk:

I wanted to write and inform you of the death of Wally Smith, the young man whom I introduced you to during your meeting at Southside. He died of an overdose of drugs taken last Friday night. He had exemplified a real determination to break the habit, especially in the last few weeks when he had made application to the U. S. Public Service Health Hospital. (Several law enforcement officers with whom I've talked believe - though it will never be proven - that Wally's life was taken because of his determination to turn himself in.)

I knew you would want to write Wally's family and mention to them your brief acquaintance with him and your sympathy concerning his death.

Your prayers will certainly be appreciated especially in our attempts to deal with this tremendous problem of drugs. It has such a hold on so many young people of our acquaintance.

We'll be praying for you in your work as well.

In Christ,

*Larry Calvin*

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